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REPORT OF U. S. SURVEY

Geologist Meinzer makes Favorable Report on Conditions in the Valley

IRRIGATION PRACTICABLE

An investigation of the Estancia Valley, in the central part of New Mexico, was made last summer by O. E. Meinzer, of the United States Geological Survey, for the purpose of ascertaining the possibility of utilizing its ground water for irrigation. This broad valley, which contains extensive tracts of tillable land, is bordered by mountains, hills, and mesas and lies at the center of an inclosed drainage basin that covers about 2,000 square miles. It includes no permanent streams, but the floods that from time to time come down the wide arroyos sink in part into the ground and saturate in so completely in places near the center of the valley that the water plane is there virtually at the surface and ground water is constantly being lost by evaporation. Some of this water can be recovered and used for irrigation by pumping from wells sunk to a moderate depth.

Ground water can be found nearly everywhere in the valley, but a number of conditions indicate that it occurs most abundantly on the west side, which is supplied by run-off from the largest mountain range. The areas most favorably situated for irrigation include the belt where the long, gentle west slope merges into the central flat, chiefly west of the New Mexico Central Railway, and the broad bottoms of the principal arroyos. In these areas ground water exists in considerable quantities, is so near the surface that the pumping lift will not be great, and is generally of good quality. It seems probable that if the water is pumped in the most economical manner it can be profitably used for irrigation, and though the underground supply will serve to irrigate only a very small part of the valley, yet there is reason to believe that it is sufficient to add materially to the agricultural production of the region. This resource should be developed, but its development should be carried out very carefully and with an understanding of the rigid limitations which are involved. It is believed that the irrigation of small plants in connection with dry farms and ranches will be feasible over a large part of the valley.

Assays made in the field show that the water beneath the extensive west slope is relatively very pure except near the Mesa Jumanes, where it is impregnated with sulphates derived from a thick bed of gypsum that outcrops there; but the shallow ground water in the low central area contains large quantities of chlorides and sulphates. Between the large western area of pure water and the much smaller area of saline water is a belt, about 3 miles wide, in which the ground water is intermediate in quality. In the central area better water is found at greater depths, but the samples assayed were all very much more mineralized than the pure water of the west slope. The analyses of the several samples of soil that were collected in

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Sunday Services.

On next Sunday regular services will be held at the Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted by the pastor. The morning theme will be "The Branch," while that of the evening will be "The Battle of Life." At the morning services Mr. Teare will sing "The Holy City," and in the evening Mr. Teare and the pastor will render a duet. All are cordially invited to attend.

O. A. Keach, of the Western Construction Company, came in yesterday.

Slugged, Robbed and Thrown in Box Car

Bert Abbott comes to himself at Way Station in Arizona

In last week's News, we published a statement to the effect that Bert Abbott was missing from his home near Hutchinson, Kansas, his father, A. Abbott, having been called thither by a message from the young man's family. On Saturday evening, the father received a letter from Bert, of which we reproduce below a copy:

Tucson, Arizona, Friday.

Dear Father and Mother:—I arrived in Tucson, Arizona, under doctor's care. Was taken out of a box car east of here day before yesterday and left on the platform, just a small box station. Was picked up by a cowman. He brought me here yesterday. I have a pretty bad head on me, but the doctor said he would have it all right in a few days. My money has been taken and I am staying for a few days under the provision of the cowman. He said he would stand good for my grub until I got well. I don't know what has happened to me for I don't know what has taken place until I was taken from the train. I guess I have been crazy for a few days. I don't think my head will give me much more trouble for it feels so good this morning, but it will leave an ugly scar. Will close in order to get it off on the mail.

Yours truly,

A. E. Abbott.

While in Hutchinson, Mr. A. Abbott learned that his son had drawn some money from the bank to pay for a lot of hay he had purchased at a public sale. He, with a brother-in-law, intended going for the hay on Saturday, but disappeared on Friday. As nearly as Mr. Abbott, Sr., can get at the facts, the son must have started home from town on Friday, and while crossing the Santa Fe yards, was assaulted and robbed and the body thrown into a box car, to re-appear five days later in Arizona. Little wonder that, after being roughly beaten over the head and riding five days in a box car without food or drink, that the young man's mind should be a blank as to what had happened. The father has sent money that Bert may come here as soon as he is able to make the trip.

A. J. Green is making extensive improvements on his residence property, having the grounds leveled, a woven wire fence placed around the lot, a deep well drilled, trees set out, etc. He will probably build an additional room to the house. When the improvements are completed, this will be one of the most desirable homes in the city.

ESTANCIA SCHOOLS CLOSE TODAY

Closing Exercises will Occur Tonight at Walker Hall
Good Program to be Given

Estancia schools will close today for the term, which has proven one of the best thus far in the history of the school. The enrollment has been greater, the interest in the work better and the results splendid. The work the past term has been carried higher than any year previous, a number of students doing High School work. The term of 1910-11 will in all probability see a complete High School course added. Plans are now being prepared as to the course of study, which will admit the graduates of the Estancia High School to the University of New Mexico and schools of similar grade without further examination. Estancians take just pride in their schools and due credit should be given the board of directors and the efficient corps of teachers employed.

A program will be rendered at Walker Hall tonight, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. Pupils from the various grades will participate and all parents and friends of the school will be assured a pleasant and profitable evening's entertainment. No admission fee will be charged.

PROGRAM.

Music	Estancia Symphony Orchestra
Welcome Address	Seven Boys
Recitation	Mamie Hayes
Song—Vacation	Twelve Girls
Recitation—When I'm a Man	Earl Ford
Recitation—Small Boy's Trials	Charley Bond
Parting Scene	Two Girls
Song—Sleep, Dolly, Sleep!	Jewel Roberts
Brownie Drill	Twelve Boys
Recitation—District School	Edith Atkinson
Burglar Alarm (Dialog)	
Recitation—Minuet	Maurine Maxwell
Recitation—My Dolly	Nina Staley
Music	Orchestra
Contest of the Cans	Five Boys
Girl of the Period (Dialog)	
Recitation—When the Teacher Gets Cross	Cora Block
Flower Drill	Eight Girls
Burlesque Drill	Eight Boys
Recitation—Vacation is Coming	Clossie White
Song—April	Girls from Room 2
Recitation—Washington's Dream	
Recitation	Harry Souders
Good Night Drill	Eight Girls
Bridal Scene	
Variety of Opinion	Nine Pupils

PEGOS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY WITHDRAWS

Fear Further Agitation at this Time would Endanger the Installation of Either Plant in Time for next Season

Estancia, N. M., April 22, 1910.
To the Landholders of the Estancia Valley:

Gentlemen: After carefully canvassing the situation, we are convinced that to continue with the Irrigation proposition we have been presenting to you for some time past would practically result in such delay on the part of the Western Construction Company, and our Company, both, as to very seriously endanger the possibility of either company being prepared to furnish water for irrigation in the Valley on or before April 1, 1911. Such a result would be disastrous to the entire valley, as is evident on a moment's consideration.

As we have repeatedly stated in public meetings, our object primarily is to sell electrical power, and anything which militates against the development of the Valley is distinctly against our interest, and vice versa. Therefore, both in the interest of the prosperity of the Estancia Valley and of our own Company, we have decided to withdraw from the field and enable the Western Construction Company, and allied companies, to carry

out their plans to a successful conclusion without opposition on our part.

In direct proportion as the country develops, our Company will have a market for its electrical power, which it will bring into the valley, not only to supply the two irrigation companies now being worked out, as their needs may require, but also for manufacturing power and lighting purposes in general.

Thanking you for the interest taken and kindness and courtesy shown us up to this time, and with best wishes for the complete success of the other Irrigation Companies in the field, and of the farmers and business men throughout the region generally, we are
Very truly yours,
E. H. FISHER.

S. A. Goldsmith is having the wareroom in the rear of the Reagan property torn down. He will probably use the material to build an addition to his dwelling.

The brick wall of the courthouse are beginning to loom up, being from four to six feet high. The partitions are being placed in position.

Stewig-Meador.

On Monday afternoon at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. C. I. Walker united in marriage Miss Ozie Stewig, one of the popular county school teachers, and J. N. Meador, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Meador. The young people are well known in the valley, especially in the Silverton neighborhood, where they have made their home. They have gone to housekeeping on Mr. Meador's homestead, with the best wishes of the whole community. The News extends congratulations.

Rumor Says Road Will be Put Through

Torrance-Roswell Line to be constructed at Once

Roswell, N. M., April 20.—It is believed here that the extensions of the New Mexico Central from Torrance to Roswell and from here over the plains to connect with the Texas & Pacific road will be a fact before many months.

Col. W. S. Hopewell of Albuquerque, vice president of the New Mexico Central; Charles W. Stone, of Warren, Pa., former governor of Pennsylvania and W. E. Findley of New York, both of whom are interested financially in the proposed extension; and Charles L. Lantry, of New York of the construction company of Lantry & Sharp, who will build the road if it is built, were all here with a proposal to extend the road to this city and it is believed their visit has more significance than they themselves are willing to admit. The visitors stated that the object of the trip was to show Ex-Governor Stone of Pennsylvania and Mr. Findley of New York, the resources of the Roswell country as an outlet for the New Mexico Central railroad. The only remarks made on their visit by the gentlemen were that they were highly pleased with what they had seen and went away satisfied that this country was all that was claimed for it by the promoters of the road.

It is understood that there are some of the biggest railroad magnates of the country back of the men now on the field. Whether it is the Rock Island or Gould interests is not known, but the visit to Roswell seems to indicate that it is the latter, as the road from here to the Texas & Pacific would place the Goulds in direct connection with the central New Mexico from where it would be an easy matter to extend the line through north to Colorado to connect with the Gould lines.—Tribune Citizen.

Gar of Autos

Smith and Meyer local agents for the Schacht Automobiles are expecting a car load of the machines to arrive here about May 1st. These cars are to fill orders which have already been placed. Messrs. Smith & Meyer deal directly with the Schacht Manufacturing Co., makers of the Schacht machines. In case supplies or repairs are wanted these can always be secured without trouble or delay, as is often the case when using a machine built by contract. The saving in freight is an item, especially when the cars are shipped in car load lots direct from the factory as is the case in this instance. Either Mr. Smith or Mr. Meyer will be glad to show these cars to anyone interested in Autos.

ENUMERATOR IS COMING

Census Enumerator Bilsing will Work West of Estancia the Coming Week

WILL YOU BE READY?

Farmers and ranchers who live within the boundaries of four miles north, six miles north and five miles south of Estancia are very urgently requested to be at home next week—April 25 to 30. (Wife, son or other person capable of furnishing necessary information to the U. S. census enumerator, will be suitable substitute.) The questions will embrace—Name in full. Sex. Color. Age. Whether single, married, widowed or divorced. Birthplace. Birthplace of father and mother. Occupation. Whether home is owned, rented, free or mortgaged. Ability to read and write, and if a survivor of the civil war, whether Union or Confederate.

The Agricultural schedule requires length of time owner or claimant has had possession. Number of acres. How many in cultivation. Your value of the farm or ranch. Value of buildings. Machinery. Number and kind of fruit trees. All farm products harvested in 1909, field, poultry and dairy. Number of acres, quantity and value of each crop harvested in 1909. Quantity sold, how much received. Similar questions regarding stock and poultry.

The Census Department emphatically says that the enumeration is absolutely necessary. It will cost our nation an enormous sum. Therefore it is expected that each good citizen will do all he can to see that his part of the figures are given as complete and with the least delay possible.

Enumerator Bilsing intends calling on those in the west portion of his district first of the week and will work this way, and he hopes each family or rancher will be at hand when he calls. The time is limited and only one call can be made at each place.

Anniversary Party

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hine gave a party, Monday evening April the 18th, in honor of Mabel's 14th birthday, those present were:

Misses Oneta and Mamie Hays Maggie Clayton, Myrtle Weaver Esther Pence, Jeffie Duke, Delphine Souders, Eula, Bessie and Edith Atkinson, Laura Madole, Vera Brashears, Nellie Cochran, Lillian Hamilton, Mabel Laws, Mable Hine, Marie Green, Lillian Booth, Eura Tuttle, Edith Hine and Bessie Chamberlain, Lonnie and Virgil Weaver, Ralph and Irby Bedford, Merl and Russell Souders, Henry Hays, Lem Morrill, Court Douglas, Park Senter, Earnest Green and Len Booth.

The refreshments consisted of ice cream and cake. Mabel received a number of nice presents. The young folks expressed themselves as being well entertained and wished Mabel many more such birthdays.